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## **Administrative Memo**

To: Superintendents

Topic: "Missouri Teachers" Website

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The Department has created a new website devoted to Missouri's current and future educators to assist with teacher recruitment and retention efforts. "Missouri Teachers" is an opportunity to celebrate the successes of teachers and administrators across the state. The site features stories and guest columns from some of the state's most respected educators. There is also a section devoted to anyone who may be interested in becoming a teacher in Missouri.

Preparing, developing and supporting effective educators is one way Missouri is working to ensure that all of our students reach the Top 10 by 20 goal of college and career readiness. Missouri recently created an Educator Equity Plan to recruit, prepare and retain effective teachers for all public schoolchildren in the state, especially in our highest need areas. This site is one avenue designed to help Missouri reach these goals.

Please share this information with your teachers and those interested in pursuing a career in education.

- "Missouri Teachers" Website
- Twitter, @MoTeachers
- Educator Equity Updates

If you know a teacher or educator who would be great to feature on the site, please contact Sarah Potter, Communications Coordinator, at 573-751-3469 or <a href="mailto:communications@dese.mo.gov">communications@dese.mo.gov</a>.